

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 5, 10, 12 and 15 so as to address the objections thereto and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In addition, claim 15 has been amended into independent form including the elements of claim 14, which has been cancelled. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the helpful suggestions regarding the amendments to the claims.

As it is believed that all pending objections and rejections have been overcome and claim 15 was indicated to be allowable if amended in the foregoing manner, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

It is noted that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on September 20, 2005. It is respectfully requested that the references cited in this IDS be considered during the pendency of this application, and that the PTO-1449 form submitted concurrently with the IDS be initialed and returned to the Applicants so as to provide confirmation that the references have been considered.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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